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VETERANS DAY PARADE

date: 11 November 1987
time: 9:45 a.m.
place: Congress Avenue
Austin, Texas

MUSTER CALL

date: Thursday
12 November 1987
time: 6:15 p.m. Mess Call
place: Wyatt's Cafeteria
Hancock Center

The program this month will be presented by Lt. Cdr. Rodney Leist. His title is "The Siege of Petersburg".

Attendance has been good, but one very important thing is missing. In case you have not guessed, the missing item is YOU! Oh, we have made do without you, but it is not the same as having you there. Please come, won't you. We will benefit from your attendance and input, and we think you will enjoy yourself, and get more out of your membership. See you at the meeting?



HAVE A HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

The Major George N. Littlefield Camp #59 Sons of Confederate Veterans will have a unit in this year's parade held on Veterans Day (Armistice Day), Nov. 11th. Confederate uniforms should be worn by all participants regardless of the branch of service. We need to have a large contingent on hand. We ask that you make special arrangements to help us show Austin that the SCV is alive and well here.

Those participating in the parade should assemble at Palmer Auditorium by 9:00 a.m. ready to march up to the Capitol. There will be a Memorial Service there at 11:00 a.m. Please let us see you there.





ENLISTMENTS

How exciting it is to have Southern men good and true stand up and be counted in their desire to join the SCV in Austin. We proudly add another to the list of new members. CHARLES D. BELL proudly joins the SCV upon the record of his Great Grandfather Daniel Archibald Campbell who was Sergeant in Company E, First Mississippi Cavalry. He surrendered and was paroled in May, 1865. Charles is a M.D. who was born on October 4th in Coryell Co. His address is 212 Sagecrest, San Antonio 78232, #494-0153.

In September, we approved MANLEY CRIDER, JR. pending his attending a meeting. In October, he attended and was duly and truly installed into Camp #59 and the SCV. He joins upon the record of his Great Grandfather Henry G. Perry who was a Second Corporal in Co. G, Col. R.T. Allen's Reg't. Manley is a city employee and lives at 5733 Sam Houston Circle, 78731, #346-0666.

Congratulations to these two gentlemen!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE - 1988

At the October meeting, Cdr. Jordan nominated the following Compatriots to prepare a slate of officers to lead Camp #59 during 1988: David Morris, chmn., Wes Schiwitz and Greg Hector. If you have any suggestions or wish to volunteer to serve your camp, please notify one of these men. The slate is to be presented at the December Commander's Christmas Party. Please help by volunteering to serve or by willingly accepting an office if asked.

WE ARE NUMBER ONE!

A few hardy souls braved the cool weather and enjoyed fighting Yankees at the reenactment of the Battle of Corinth. Five Battery members were there for all the festivities, and one came toward the end. David took a cue from Radar on M.A.S.H. and experimented a new rank-Corporal/Captain. It probably won't fly.

David Morris ably led the Second Confederate Battery (including ours). And we were overrun with Sergeants--Wes Schiwitz and Greg Hector. Marlow Taylor and Wes Williams added their part. Marlow is a good camp cook, and Wes has a very warm buffalo robe. Rodney Leist arrived in time to cheer us on in the battle. Patsy thought it was wonderful.

The crew won the first place award for the BEST DRILLED CREW, winning a \$100 gift certificate to go with the other one we received for participating. Our prize bought us another tent to go with the one we purchased which had its debut at Corinth. David most ably won the Rebel Yell contest.



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STATES OF THE CONFEDERACY:

LOUISIANA

The sixth state to secede was Louisiana. She left the Union on 26 January 1861. At the beginning of the War Louisiana had a total white population of 350,000. She raised about 1,000 military companies numbering some 56,000 troops serving in the Confederate armies. Additionally about 10,000 boys too young and men too old served in home-guard units. Deaths from all causes added up to between 6500 and 7000 Louisianians. Within her borders Louisiana saw between 500 and 600 battles, skirmishes, and raids, mostly minor. Because of the topography of the state established military procedures could seldom be used. The field of action was usually over bayous, swamps and marshes.

In April 1862, Capt. David Farragut a former resident, entered the Miss. River leading 43 Union ships. He bombarded the forts at the mouth and sailed past them occupying New Orleans without opposition. On May 1, Gen. Benjamin Butler brought 15,000 troops into the city and began his unpopular occupation. Farragut sailed up the river and seized Baton Rouge. New Orleans became the capital of federal-controlled Louisiana.

The western part of the state mostly remained Confederate until early 1863. Its government was first Opelousas, then Shreveport. Maj. Gen. Richard Taylor, CSA, kept Butler pinned in New Orleans, but was not able to do so with his successor, Gen. Nathaniel P. Banks. A high point came in April 1864 far up the Red River when Taylor with fewer than 9,000 men defeated Banks with a force of 20,000 at Mansfield and Pleasant Hill. The Union soldiers fled in disorderly retreat largely ending the fighting in the state.

The Army of La. is a name applied the State Troops under the command of Bragg and then Col. P.O. Hebert. There were two La. Brigades in the A.N.Va. One adopted the name of Wheat's Bn. and called themselves the La. Tigers. The two were later consolidated into one.

The state was readmitted into the Union 29 May 1865, but remained under military control until April 1877.

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Announcing...

SCHEDULE CHANGE

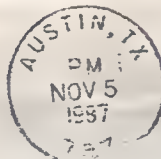
NOTICE

Plans were made at the October meeting to dedicate a marker honoring George Littlefield on November 15th. HOWEVER, due to complications which have arisen, it will be necessary to postpone this event. Plans are now underway to have this ceremony in conjunction with Confederate Heroes Day in January. Look for more information in a later edition of this newsletter.

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